

**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Smith V, Brown C, Harris*

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A RESOLUTION memorializing James W. Holland.

*Whereas, James W. Holland, Gary, Indiana, died  
Wednesday, January 2, 2002, at the age of 77;*

*Whereas, James W. Holland helped guide Gary, Indiana,  
through the explosive years when African-Americans were  
broadening their political horizons locally and throughout the  
United States;*

*Whereas, James W. Holland served his community  
admirably for five decades, beginning with his appointment as  
the head of Gary's Model Cities Program, with the election of  
Richard G. Hatcher as Gary's first African-American mayor;*



*Whereas, In 1972, James W. Holland was appointed deputy mayor, a post he held throughout the remainder of Mayor Hatcher's five term tenure;*

*Whereas, The value of James W. Holland to the Hatcher administration can be measured in a quotation from Mayor Hatcher: "In the 20 years I served as mayor, when a serious decision had to be made, there wasn't one time I didn't sit down and talk to Jim about it. And he never gave me any bad advice. He always had insight no one else had.";*

*Whereas, James W. Holland also served as director of the Gary Public Transportation Corporation, retiring from that position in 1998;*

*Whereas, In addition to his accomplishments in the governmental arena, James W. Holland was a member of the famed World War II flying group, the Tuskegee Airmen, set an Illinois state long jump record that stood for more than 20 years, and was a two time All-American long jumper at Northwestern University where he earned a bachelor's degree; and*

*Whereas, Known for his great sense of humor and his ability to mediate difficult situations, the accomplishments of James W. Holland will stand as a shining example for generations to come: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
- 2           express its deepest sympathies to the family of James W. Holland.
- 3           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 4           Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of
- 5           James W. Holland.

